Built on land originally owned by Nicholas Owings, this vernacular-style granite house was probably built by Owings from locally-quarried stone. It has thick walls, a gable roof, and white pillars. The house also has a huge kitchen fireplace. It was screened from the road by shrubbery in 1978. The house has changed hands frequently. It was reported as having been remodeled in the 1965 survey notes. In 1983 a subdivision plan was filed under the name of Peddicord's Banter, an old tract name. The owner is listed as Oscar B. Smith.

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4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

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5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered

Interior

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6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optianal)

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